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His Holiness Pope Pius XII has written the following prayer dedicating the sick to the Blessed Mother:

O clement and pious Mother, whose soul was pierced by the sword of sorrow, behold us poor sick beside you on the Calvary of your Jesus.

We, chosen for the sublime grace of suffering and desirous of fulfilling also in our own flesh that which is wanting in the Passion of Christ, for that body of His which is the Church, consecrate to you our persons and our sufferings, so that you may offer them both on the altar of the Cross of your Divine Son as the humble victims of propitiation for our spiritual well-being and that of our brothers.

Accept, O sorrowful Mother, this our dedication and confirm in our hearts the great hope that, as we share the sufferings of Christ, we may thus share in His comfort here and in eternity. Amen.

The Holy Father has granted a partial indulgence of 1,000 days when recited by a sick person.

The prayer was read in public for the first time at the conclusion of a Eucharistic procession in St. Peter's Square. Present were 5,000 sick, members of the Society of Voluntary Suffering, who had assembled in Rome for a congress.



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